

Harewood  
Vic. of Charles Town, Jefferson County,  
West Virginia

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Owners: Samuel Washington and Brother, descendants of original owner

Date of Erection c. 1769

Architect: ~~None~~ Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: The main house is two stories with a one-story wing.

Materials of Construction:

Harewood is built of native limestone and is one of the earliest houses in the Shenandoah Valley constructed of this material. The window sills are of black walnut which was abundant in the locality at the time. The walls of one room are entirely panelled. An elaborate stairway with scrolled step ends and turned balusters grace the central hall.

Other Existing Records:

Lawrence Washington from 1743 to 1750 purchased tracts of land from Lord Fairfax in what is now Jefferson County. Though he never lived on these lands, he was instrumental in the moving into this section, various members of the Washington family.

Among them was Samuel Washington who had Harewood built under the supervision of his illustrious brother George Washington.

Additional Data:

Dolly Payne Madison was married to James Madison who later became President of the United States, at Harewood in 1794.

Louis Phillippe, who later became king of France, while in exile from his country spent some time at Harewood.

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References: Clippings from Scrap Book belonging to Jefferson County  
Historical Society in Charles Town, W. Va. library.

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